

**REMARKS**

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to update the cross-reference heading and paragraph. As such, this amendment does not introduce new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert sequence identifiers, namely SEQ ID Nos:1-9, to conform with the Sequence Listing being submitted simultaneously herewith. As such, this amendment does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

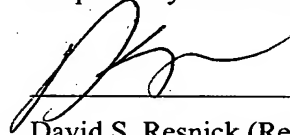
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Fee deficiencies may be charged and overpayments credited to the NIXON PEABODY LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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Respectfully submitted,



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